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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for August 20, 2001- August 31, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

The Senate is in Recess until September 4.

The House is in Recess until September 5.

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has tentatively scheduled a nominations hearing for August 27 on the nominations of Sharon Prost, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Terry Wooten, to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. (Scott-Finan)
- **FY 2002 Intelligence Authorization Legislation:** The Senate Intelligence Committee is finalizing its annual intelligence authorization bill and is scheduled to mark it up on September 6. Provisions that are being considered include changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and Title III wiretap law and broadened criminal sanctions for leaks of classified information. Representatives from the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review and the FBI met with Committee staff members to discuss a proposed change to the National Security Act of 1947 related to the FBI and CIA's respective authorities in combating international terrorism. The Deputy Attorney General is scheduled to testify before this Committee on September 5 on the leaks provision, which has sparked substantial opposition from media and civil liberties groups. (Walter)

THIS WEEK

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a nominations hearing for August 22 on the nominations of Richard Nedelkoff, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Reggie Walton, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. (Scott-Finan)

LAST WEEK

- **Wen Ho Lee:** Two chapters of the Bellows Report on the investigation into and draft FISA application concerning Dr. Wen Ho Lee were released in response to a court order in Dr. Lee's Privacy Act lawsuit on August 13. Copies were given to Congress and made available to the press on the same day. The entire 800-page report continues to be reviewed to redact privacy information. That review is targeted for completion before the end of the month, at which time the entire redacted report will be provided to Congress and the public. (Walter)